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FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

I want to emphasize the importance of the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) in the prevention of child abuse, neglect, and spouse abuse on White Sands Missile Range. The FAP is a vigorous proactive program whose primary goal is to prevent abuse by providing a variety of services to strengthen families and enhance their ability to adapt to life.

The FAP recognizes that:

- * Prevention includes awareness, education, intervention in high risk situations and treatment to prevent re-occurrence.
- * Prevention is a community responsibility: no single individual, agency, organization or discipline alone can implement an effective and comprehensive program.
- * A multi-disciplinary approach is the best way to build strong and resourceful individuals, couples, and families and to ensure safety for all members of the community.

Child abuse, neglect, and spouse abuse will not be tolerated in our community; however, anyone with an unmanageable personal and/or family problem who desires help can seek confidential assistance through the FAP or other available resources. If you witness or suspect abuse or neglect on WSMR telephone the Report Point of Contact (RPOC), Chief, Social Work Services, at 678-4992 (non duty hours, 678-2882).

The FAP contributes to force readiness and mission accomplishment by providing a resource for commanders and families to use for the prevention and solution of family problems. I encourage you to use these resources.

Questions or clarification of this policy statement may be directed to Ms. Patricia Grace, Family Advocacy Program Manager at 678-2306/1977.

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